

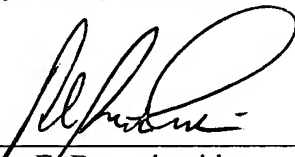
**REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing the elected claims in this application and have canceled the non-elected claims above in response to the pending Action. The undersigned notes that he had offered in a telephone conference subsequent to the issuance of the pending Action to allow the Examiner to cancel non-elected claims 6-17 by Examiner's amendment, but the Examiner refused on the ground that he could not do so since prosecution was closed.

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